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SUBJECT: KEFLAVIK BASE TELEVISION ISSUE: TODAY'S PRESS COMMENT

1. TODAY'S INDEPENDENCE PARTY NEWSPAPER MORGUNBLADID HAS FOLLOWING ARTICLE:

QUOTE: THE KEFLAVIK TV IS BEING SHUT DOWN

PREPARATIONS TO CLOSE DOWN THE KEFLAVIK TV ARE NOW BEING MADE BY THE ICELANDIC DEFENSE FORCE WHICH HAS MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH ICELANDIC PRIME CONTRACTORS TO BUILD A NEW SMALL TV HOUSE. AS IS KNOWN THE GOVT HAS ORDERED THAT THE KEFLAVIK TV BE LIMITED TO THE AIRPORT.

ICELANDIC PRIME CONTRACTORS ARE TO BUILD A PRE-FABRICATED WOODEN HOUSE AND COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHIN TWO MONTHS. THE HOUSE IS VERY SMALL OR ONLY ABOUT 50 SQUARE METERS.

THE SIGNAL MAST OF THE KEFLAVIK TV WILL BE MOVED TO THIS HOUSE AND THE NEW EQUIPMENT WHICH CAN LIMIT THE SIGNAL STRENGTH TO KEFLAVIK AIRPORT WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE BUILDING. END QUOTE.

2. ALTHYDUBLADID, FOLLOWING UP ON ITS STORY OF YESTERDAY, HAS THE FOLLOWING IN TODAY'S ISSUE:

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QUOTE: "WE ARE READY"- SAYS THOR O. THORS.

"IN FACT I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO YOUR STORY" SAID THOR O. THORS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ICELANDIC PRIME CONTRACTORS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH A REPORTER FROM ALTHYDUBLADID YESTERDAY.

THE REASON FOR THE INTERVIEW WAS THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY AND CALLS FOR A CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TV MAST AT KEFLAVIK AIRPORT TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE LIMITATION OF THE ARMY TV. ALTHYDUBLADID GAVE A FULL ACCOUNT OF THIS MATTER YESTERDAY.

"WHAT WE ARE DOING" SAID THOR "IS TO CONSTRUCT THE FOUNDATIONS AND BUILD A SMALL WOODEN HUT FOR THE TRANSMITTER. WE HAVE STARTED WITH THE HUT AND WE SHALL BE WORKING ON THE FOUNDATIONS VERY SOON SO THAT WE SHALL BE READY WHEN THE EQUIPMENT ARRIVES. EVERYTHING ELSE IS ALREADY THERE. THE OLD INFIRMARY IS TO BE USED AS A PHDIO AS WELL AS OFFICES FOR THE STATION AND OTHER THINGS THAT GO WITH IT." END QUOTE.
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NOTE BY OC/T: "PHDIO" IN TEXT PROBABLY "STUDIO" IF NOT ABBR.

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